(-) US$ 619 million. These are preliminary estimates and are likely to be revised when data for full vear is available.

(c) Foreign tourist arrivals to India during 2005 has been estimated at 3.92 million compared to 3.46 million during 2004 showing an increase of 13.2%. The foreign exchange earnings from inbound tourists also increased to US$ 5731 million during 2005 compared to US$ 4769 million during 2004, showing an increase of above 20%.

Development of Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

†277. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame for implementation and completion of such Projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) There is no separate scheme for development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh. However, the Ministry of Tourism from Tenth Five Year Plan has been providing Central financial assistance to all States/Union Territories on the basis of projects prioritized in consultation with them for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iv) Fairs and Festivals

On receipt of the proposals, complete in all respect, these are appraised for assistance keeping in view *inter-se* priorities among projects, and availability of funds under the respective head. However, implementation and completion of projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Projects worth Rs. 30.37 crore have been sanctioned during 2005-06 (till date) for development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh. Details are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
1.	Construction of cottages at Mukki District Balaghat	34.16
2.	Destination development of Burhanpur	449.00
3.	Celebration of Orcha Festival, 2005	5.00
4.	Rural tourism project at Orchha District Tikamgarh	50.00
5.	Integrated development of Tourist circuit on Gwalior-Orchha-Khajuraho sector	461.09
6.	Destination development of Indore	462.69
7.	Integrated development of tourism circuit on Gwalior-Shivpuri-Chanderi sector	800.00
8.	Integrated development of tourism circuit on Sanchi-Bhopal-Bhojpur-Bhimbetka-Pachmarhi sector	715.45
9.	Celebration of National Folk Festival (Lokranjan) Khajuraho	5.00
10.	Upgradation of existing Holiday-Home at Pachmarhi	20.00
11.	Celebration of YAI National Sailing Championship at Upper Lake Bhopal	15.00
	TOTAL	3037.39

Circuit Development Scheme in M.P.

†278. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding upgradation of Khajuraho, opening of Tourists Assistance Centre at Khajuraho and construction of Water Games Complex (Benisagar Dam) under Circuit Development Scheme; and

(b) by when these proposals would be cleared?

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